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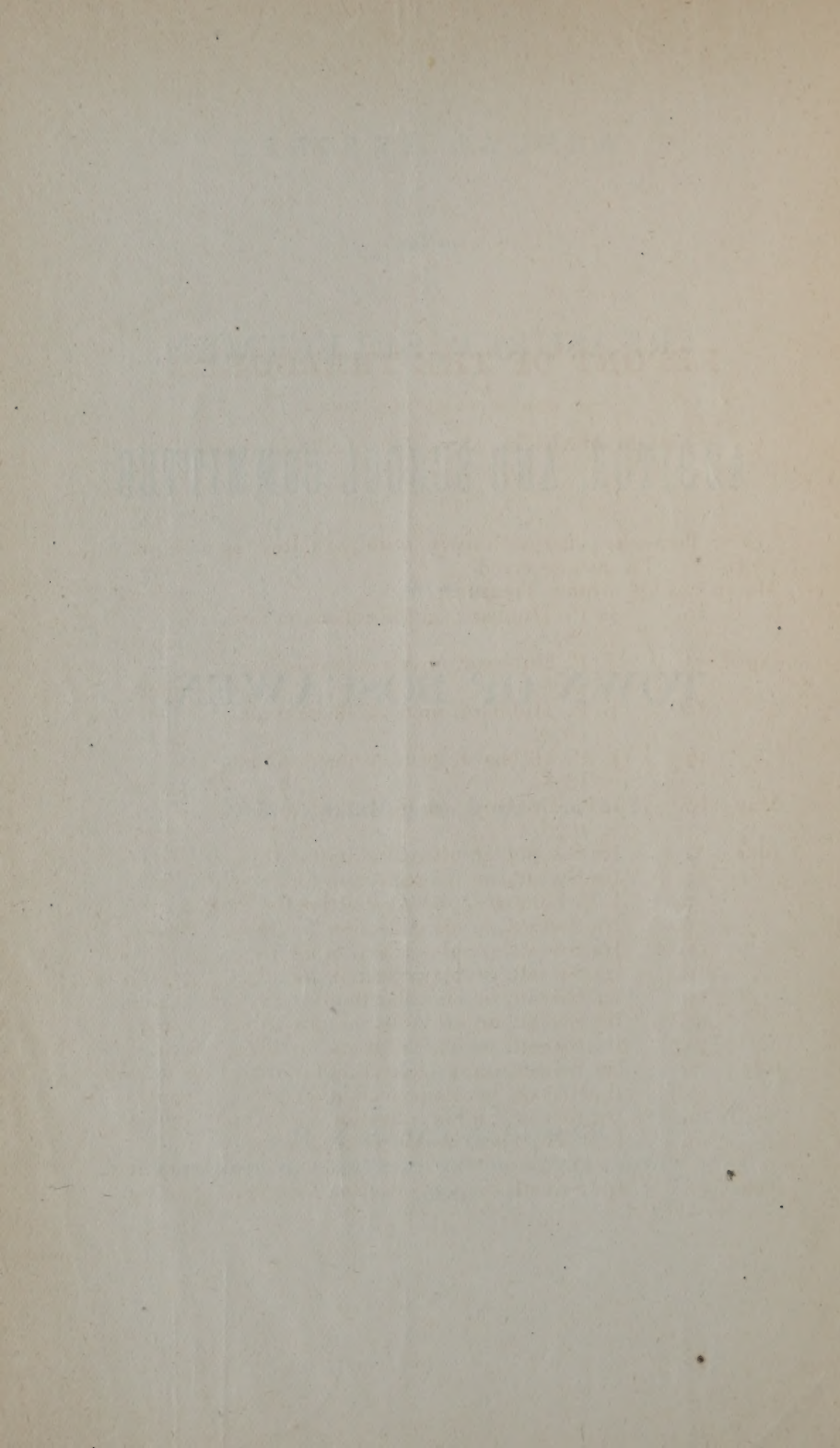
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REPORT OF THE TREASURER

OF THE TOWN OF BOSCAWEN,

FROM MARCH, 1879, TO MARCH, 1880.

The Treasurer charges himself with the following receipts :		
1879.	To cash received	
March 14.	Of former Treasurer	\$20 39
19.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	230 00
April 5.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	130 00
15.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	120 00
17.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	111 20
May 12.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	125 00
June 9.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	80 00
13.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	84 62
13.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	161 66
13.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	350 00
18.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	135 00
21.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	230 69
24.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	184 00
28.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	456 74
30.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	1,952 02
July 1.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	1,205 49
5.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	390 38
12.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	147 14
19.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	379 03
Aug. 30.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	162 14

Sept.	1.	Of Joseph Wilson, part of referees expenses,	6 50
	9.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	163 23
	19.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	342 57
	29.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	40 00
Oct.	4.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	305 80
	18.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	55 00
	23.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	118 00
	27.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	250 00
	27.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1877,	317 00
	28.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	185 00
Nov.	4.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	75 00
	8.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	101 32
	19.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	150 00
	24.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	100 00
	27.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	120 00
Dec.	2.	State Treasurer :	
		Railroad tax,	772 62
		Savings bank tax,	709 00
		Literary fund,	72 15
	4.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	173 59
	9.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	158 21
	9.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1877,	66 00
	14.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	126 14
Dec.	22.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1877,	100 00
1880.			
Jan.	9.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	71 47
	14.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	130 00
	24.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1877,	28 00
	30.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	82 11
	31.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1876 & 1877,	434 07
Feb.	7.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	143 63
	14.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	95 37
	16.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	220 42
	17.	Merrimack county,	222 36
	17.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	215 61

Feb.	18.	Of E. G. Wood,	\$60 00
	18.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1875,	200 00
	21.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1876,	1 60
	21.	George M. Dudley, on his collection for 1877,	13 44
	21.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1874,	62 97
	21.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1875,	51 83
	24.	Ira Sweatt, on his collection for 1879,	364 06
	25.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1875,	50 00
	25.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1878,	50 00
	26.	Selectmen of Boscawen,	1,797 00
	28.	J. P. Hubbard, on his collection for 1879,	107 05
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			\$15,563 62

The Treasurer discharges himself as follows :

By payment of Bonds and Coupons due,	2,240 00
By payment of Orders drawn by Selectmen numbered from 1 to 161, inclusive,	13,197 04
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	126 58
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\$15,563 62	

J. C. PEARSON,

Town Treasurer.

Boscawen, March 1, 1880.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous Bills.

1879. Paid by order on the Treasurer :

March, 21.	Precinct committee for lighting twin bridges for 1878,	\$31 68
21.	Precinct committee for balance due ending April 1, 1879,	35 00

Mar.	22.	William B. Burpee, sheep killed by dogs for 1878,	\$10 00
April	5.	E. C. Morse, digging graves,	6 00
	12.	L. M. Knight, return of births and deaths,	4 25
	12.	S. M. Emery, return of births and deaths,	1 75
	15.	George P. Titcomb, return of births and deaths	50
	25.	Geo. E. Kimball, wood for engine-house,	2 90
May	8.	B. W. Sanborn & Co., for general laws of the state,	3 00
	20.	S. K. Evans, work on engine-house,	2 00
	24.	F. J. Plumer, digging graves,	5 00
June	16.	J. P. Hubbard, real estate sold for taxes,	99 47
	16.	Republican Press Association printing reports,	30 00
July	1.	W. A. Huntress, notifying town officers,	5 23
	1.	W. A. Huntress, painting engine-house,	15 59
	5.	Precinct committee,	75 00
	5.	Edson C. Eastman, books and stationery,	8 11
Aug.	16.	Geo. E. Kimball, lantern for lobby,	1 00
	21.	S. H. Dow and others, Arbiters on Wilson lot,	17 00
Sept.	11.	Ira Sweatt, discount on taxes prior to July 1, 1879,	272 57
	11.	J. W. Cogswell, serving pauper notice on town of New Hampton,	4 92
Oct.	4.	Luther Gage, expense of reservoir at Fisherville,	487 28
	10.	Precinct committee,	75 00
	22.	Geo. E. Fisher, bounty on hawk,	20
	23.	C. W. Carter, hogshead for waste water at plain,	1 00
	23.	N. S. Webster, watering-trough,	3 00
Nov.	15.	E. E. Graves, return of births and deaths.	3 75
	22.	I. K. Gage, watering-trough,	3 00
	22.	Ira Sweatt, discount on taxes prior to July 1, 1879,	1.86
	22.	J. M. Wilson, discount on taxes for 1877-78.	52 16
		R. Pevare, watering-trough,	3 00
		E. C. Morse, digging graves,	6 00
Dec.	5.	I. K. Gage, lantern and lighting the same for engine-house,	8 00

Dec. 1880.	10.	George C. Hale, digging graves,	\$2 00
Jan.	5.	Precinct committee,	75 00
	14.	Torrent Engine Co., pay roll,	250 00
	28.	M. L. Dodge and sisters, watering-trough,	3 00
	29.	Lee T. Boyce, watering-trough 1878-79,	6 00
	30.	Evans & Gale, stove pipe for town hall,	18 15
		Evans & Gale, wood &c., for engine house,	7 41
Feb.	4.	L. Gage, for copying inventory,	10 00
		L. Gage, postage, affidavits, and ex- pense for town,	13 00
		Herbert Williams, bounty on hawk,	20
	12.	E. C. Morse, digging graves,	4 00
	16.	J. H. Gill, care of town hall,	4 00
		B. W. Rowell, bounty on hawk,	20
		Geo. C. Atkinson, bounty on hawks,	40
		L. M. Chadwick, bounty on hawk,	20
		John Silver, bounty on hawks,	40
	18.	J. Chandler, books for poor,	6 51
	19.	N. Butler, legal services,	22 50
		A. G. Kimball. services for town,	2 00
	23.	Foote & Morse, wood for engine house,	2 10
		W. H. Allen, room paper for engine house,	3 79
	26.	C. E. Chadwick, books for poor,	1 40
	27.	L. Gage, selectmen's expenses,	38 35
		L. Gage, expenses to Manchester for town,	2 00
		M. K. Howser, expenses of team &c., for town,	30 75
		C. G. Eastman, bounty on hawk,	20
	28.	J. E. Rines, watering trough,	3 00
		Leach & Stevens, legal services,	12 08
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			\$1,793 86

Roads and Bridges.

1879.			
Mar.	18.	Geo. W. Fisher, breaking roads,	\$ 90
April	5.	Frank Peverly, lighting bridge,	16 00
May	15.	C. C. Hall, breaking roads and snow- ing bridge,	15 00
		Gust Walker, lantern for bridge,	4 00

June	10.	F. A. Roby, work on road,	\$1 87
	18.	Gust Walker, sewer pipe,	45 00
	28.	P. M. Chadwick, work on highway,	6 00
	30.	E. B. Atkinson, labor on road,	5 50
July		E. W. Atkinson, labor on road,	5 52
	1.	C. M. & A. W. Rolfe, plank,	58 80
	16.	Geo. L. Pillsbury, plank,	10 28
	19.	F. L. Burbank & Son, plank,	7 10
Aug.	9.	J. S. Foster, breaking roads,	1 20
		C. W. Marden, work on highway,	3 00
	13.	Bradley Atkinson, work on road,	7 30
Sept.	3.	E. B. Atkinson, labor on highway,	6 75
Oct.	6.	Frank Peverly lighting bridge,	15 00
	10.	C. E. Chadwick, paid for surveying, &c.,	6 50
	30.	Samuel Choat, work on road,	20 00
Nov.	6.	H. W. Flanders, plank and sewer pipe,	10 88
	8.	E. Moody, cutting bushes on highway,	10 50
	22.	Richard Pevare, work on highway,	5 00
	28.	David Fellows, lumber for highway,	3 00
		J. Connor, work on pier of Boscawen bridge,	9 38
Dec.	3.	C. W. Hardy, lumber and work on roads and bridges,	27 40
	5.	G. H. Gitchell, plank and labor on highway,	11 58
	12.	J. H. Gill, labor and expense on highway,	39 89
	24.	H. W. Clapp & Co., sewer cap,	7 00
	31.	F. L. Burbank & Son, plank for Canterbury bridge,	21 14
1880.			
Jan.	10.	C. G. Davis, guide-boards,	1 25
		N. S. Webster, work on Canterbury bridge,	2 50
	23.	Town of Canterbury, rubble around pier of Boscawen bridge,	52 71
	24.	H. W. Flanders, plank for highway,	3 31
		P. Hackett, damage at Canterbury bridge,	3 00
	29.	Geo. L. Pillsbury, work on Canterbury bridge,	4 50
Feb.	16.	E. L. Childs, services on Boscawen bridge,	5 00
		J. H. Gill, work on highway,	11 00
		J. V. Smith, gravel for highway,	63
		C. W. Hardy, damage to plow on highway,	6 00
	19.	C. G. Davis, guide-boards for Boscawen bridge,	75

Feb.	21.	J. H. Flanders, cutting bushes on highway,	\$4 00
		G. H. Carter, snowing Canterbury bridge,	3 00
	23.	E. B. Atkinson, breaking roads,	3 90
		H. L. Ferren, breaking roads,	5 55
		H. L. Ferren, damage crossing field,	4 00
	25.	C. M. Abbott, burning bushes on highway,	2 00
	27.	M. K. Howser, services on roads and bridges,	17 00

\$511 59

Support of Paupers.

1879.			
April	25.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	\$15 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to J. Hanson, Jr.,	3 12
June	20.	W. C. Marden, aid to Mrs. A. Scribner,	3 00
	28.	W. C. Marden, board of Mrs. A. Scribner,	12 00
	30.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	23 32
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Smith Emmons,	17 76
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to C. Johnson,	3 00
Aug.	13.	Harvey Knight, aid to Mrs. William Aspin,	4 50
		Harvey Knight, aid to C. Johnson,	1 00
		County of Merrimack, aid to Mrs. Scribner,	8 00
	16.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	15 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Smith Emmons,	34 78
Oct.	4.	J. W. Roby, digging grave for Mrs. Scribner,	2 00
	6.	A. E. Emery, aid to Mrs. Wm. Aspin,	12 50
	8.	J. A. Coburn, aid to Mrs. Wm. Aspin,	9 50
	16.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	15 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Mrs. Wm. Aspin,	10 73
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to William Smart,	6 10
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to C. Johnson,	3 25
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Smith Emmons,	37 85
	23.	C. W. Carter, aid to E. F. Tewksbury,	21 87
		C. W. Carter, aid to F. J. Plumer,	6 24
Nov.	1.	C. & J. C. Gage, aid to Mrs. Wm. Aspin,	6 96
	15.	E. E. Graves, aid to F. J. Plumer,	18 50
	22.	E. E. Graves, aid to Smith Emmons,	124 20
	25.	Mrs. Jenney Tilton, aid to Smith Emmons,	6 00
		Mrs. H. H. Walker, aid to Smith Emmons,	10 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Smith Emmons,	37 13
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to William Smart,	16 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	19 71

Dec.	5.	J. P. Saunders & Son, aid to E. F. Tewksbury,	\$4 00
1880.			
Jan.	3.	Contoocook Manufacturing & Mechanic Co., aid to William Smart,	12 45
	5.	C. W. Hardy, aid to F. J. Plumer,	14 50
	9.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to William Smart,	19 67
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	17 64
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to N. M. Sanborn,	8 08
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to C. Johnson,	6 00
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Smith Emmons,	75
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to Geo. C. Lord,	3 00
	10.	Tyler C. Sweatt, aid to C. Johnson,	5 00
	27.	S. M. Emery, aid to William Smart,	7 75
		S. M. Emery, aid to J. Hanson, Jr.	10 25
	30.	Evans & Gale, aid to C. Johnson,	3 13
	31.	Contoocook Manufacturing & Mechanic Co., aid to William Smart,	4 50
		Union Block Co., aid to N. M. Sanborn,	3 17
Jan.	31.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to N. M. Sanborn,	9 28
		Geo. E. Kimball, aid to William Smart,	2 55
Feb.	18.	E. E. Graves, aid to F. J. Plumer,	5 50
	19.	A. G. Kimball, aid to paupers,	2 00
	21.	N. H. Arey, aid to F. J. Plumer,	10 00
	23.	Geo. E. Kimball, aid to F. J. Plumer,	17 85
		H. L. Ferren, aid to F. J. Plumer,	4 82
	27.	M. K. Howser, aid to paupers,	3 00

 \$678 91

Schools and School Houses.

1879.				
April	29.	S. B. Chadwick, prud. com., Dist. No. 6,	\$10 00	
June	21.	E. Moody,	4,	10 00
	24.	Geo. S. Watson,	" "	32 00
		Erwin G. Cate,	" "	45 00
	26.	J. Chandler,	" "	160 00
July	3.	C. E. Chadwick,	" "	120 00
	4.	S. B. Chadwick,	" "	70 00
	8.	E. W. Durgin,	" "	30 00
Sept.	20.	E. Moody,	" "	40 00
Oct.	11.	E. W. Durgin,	" "	75 00
	24.	Erwin G. Cate,	" "	45 00

Nov.	13.	J. Chandler.	"	"	7,	250 00
	22.	Geo. S. Watson,	"	"	2,	6 00
Dec.	20.	E. Moody,	"	"	4,	60 00
	26.	Erwin G. Cate,	"	"	5,	50 00
1880.						
Jan.	3.	E. W. Durgin,	"	"	3,	145 00
Feb.	10.	Geo. S. Watson,	"	"	2,	57 00
	18.	J. Chandler,	"	"	7,	690 00
	26.	C. E. Chadwick,	"	"	1,	200 00
	27.	S. B. Chadwick,	"	"	6,	55 00

\$2,150 00

Payment of Bonds and Coupons.

1879.		E. H. Stone,	bonds,			\$300 00
July.		Ann G. Sullivan,	"			650 00
		J. D. Sleeper,	"			500 00
		J. Kimball,	"			500 00
		J. Chandler,	"			50 00
		Coupons on \$4,000.00 of bonds,				240 00

\$2,240 00

Payment of Notes and Interest.

1880.						
Feb.	26.	Elisha E. Hoyt, note and interest,				\$327 38
		W. H. Hosmer, note and interest,				1,417 27
	28.	J. B. Holt, note and interest,				318 35

\$2,063 00

State and County Taxes.

1879.						
Aug.	30.	County tax,				\$2,840 14
Dec.	8.	State tax,				2,132 00

\$4,972 14

Abatement of Taxes.

1880.						
Feb.	26.	J. P. Hubbard, list of 1874,				\$18 38
		" " 1875,				46 87
		" " 1878,				66 79
		G. M. Dudley, " 1876,				106 96
		G. M. Dudley, " 1877,				149 42

Feb.	26.	Ira Sweatt,	"	1879,	\$77 22
	28.	J. P. Hubbard,	"	1879,	4 00

 \$469 64

Non-Resident Highway Taxes Worked Out.

1879.					
June	30.	Wm. B. Burpee, for sundry persons,			
		taxes of 1879,			\$21 75
July	15.	Wm. C. Marden, for sundry persons,			
		taxes of 1879,			4 31
Nov.	28.	Ira Sweatt, for sundry person, taxes			
		of 1879,			10 37
Dec.	3.	James Connor, for sundry persons,			
		taxes of 1878,			2 50
1880.					
Feb.	5.	Ira N. Colby, for sundry persons,			
		taxes of 1879,			5 26
	25.	Géorge H. Carter, for sundry persons,			
		taxes of 1879,			7 50
	27.	George C. Howser, for sundry persons,			
		taxes of 1879,			11 50
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					\$63 19

Town Officers,

1880.					
Feb.	4.	N. Butler, services as auditor for 1878,			\$2 00
		J. P. Hubbard, services as auditor for 1878,			2 00
	16.	W. A. Huntress, police services,			15 00
		J. C. Pearson, Supt. School Committee,			75 00
		J. C. Pearson, treasurer,			50 00
		Ira Sweatt, collector,			70 42
	17.	Ira C. Towle, police services,			10 00
	19.	A. G. Kimball, police services,			15 00
	26.	Charles E. Chadwick, services town clerk,			38 00
	27.	L. Gage, services as selectman and over-			
		seer of poor,			170 00
		C. W. Hardy, services as selectman and			
		overseer of the poor,			91 75
		M. K. Howser, services as selectman			
		and overseer of poor,			100 00
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					\$639 17

Recapitulation.

Miscellaneous bills,	\$1,793 86
Roads and Bridges,	511 59
Support of paupers,	678 91
Schools,	2,150 00
Bonds and Coupons,	2,240 00
Notes, and interest,	2,063 00
State and county taxes,	4,972 14
Abatement of taxes,	469 64
Non-resident highway taxes worked out,	63 19
Town Officers,	639 17

Town Liabilities.

Debt of town March 1, 1880, in bonds,	\$2000,00
Interest on bonds to March 1, 1880,	80 00
School district No. 7,	206 65
Royal Choat, note and interest to March 1, 1880,	151 78
J. B. Holt, notes and interest to March 1, 1880,	704 12
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	\$3,142 55

Assets.

Due on J. P. Hubbard's collection for 1875,	\$125 24
Due on J. P. Hubbard's collection for 1878,	127 31
Due on J. P. Hubbard's collection for 1879,	1,449 95
Due from the town of New Hampton,	175 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer,	126 58
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	\$2,004 08

Liabilities,	\$3,142 55
Assets,	2,004 08
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Balance against the town,	\$1,138 47
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LUTHER GAGE,
CHARLES W. HARDY,
MARCUS K. HOWSER,

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor of Boscawen.

The undersigned, auditors of the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of the town of Boscawen, for the year 1879-80, report that they have examined said accounts, and find the receipts to have been, March 1, 1879, to March 1, 1880, \$15,563.62 and the disbursements to have been \$15,437.04, the accounts of which are properly vouched and correctly cast, leaving a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$126.58, with an outstanding order for \$144.46 on which payment has been stopped.

N. BUTLER, }
J. P. HUBBARD, } *Auditors.*

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1 (*Plain.*)

C. E. Chadwick, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$320

Summer term—Miss Esther D. Gill, teacher. Wages of teacher per month, including board, \$24; length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 21; average attendance, 19; number of visits by parents and citizens, 26.

ROLL OF HONOR. Julia James, Ida James, Mary F. Huntress.

Winter term—Charles I. Webster, teacher. Wages of teacher per month including board, not given in register. Length of term, 12 weeks; number of scholars, 26; Average attendance, 24.51; number of visits by parents and citizens, not given.

ROLL OF HONOR. Nellie Chadwick, Mabel Carter, Florence Garretson, Jessie Garretson, Lizzie Johnson, Julia James, Mary Huntress, Esther Parry, Emma Parry, Gertie Welch, Ida James, Emma Eastman, Hattie Howser, John Huntress, David Parry, Charles Parry, Henry Welch, Edward Welch, Fred James, Ida Parry.

DISTRICT No. 2 (*North Water Street.*)

Geo. S. Watson, Prudential Committee.

Miss Carrie Montgomery, teacher both terms.

Amount of school money, \$95.

Wages of teacher per month, including board, not given in register; length of terms, 8 and 11 weeks; number of scholars, 8; average attendance, 7; visits by parents and citizens, 20.

ROLL OF HONOR. Sadie E. Woods, Preston H. Champion. No scholar has whispered during these terms.

DISTRICT No. 3 (*Gulf.*)

E. W. Durgin, Prudential Committee.

Amount of school money, \$250.

Summer term—Miss Minnie L. Morse, teacher. Wages per month including board, \$22; length of term in weeks, 10; number of scholars, 23; average attendance, not given; number of visitors, 39.

ROLL OF HONOR. Amy L. Huntoon, Mary L. Knowles, Nettie M. Sargent, Marion H. Seavey.

The fall and winter terms have been taught by Miss Edna H. Emerson. The winter term is still in session.

Fall Term—length in weeks, 12; wages of teacher per month including board, \$22; number of scholars, 26; average attendance, 21; number of visitors, 21.

Winter term—length of term, 12 weeks; wages of teacher per month including board, \$32; number of scholars, 30; average attendance, 25; number of visitors, 37.

ROLL OF HONOR. Everett W. Durgin, Edgar W. Flanders, Marion H. Seavey, Lizzie M. Choat, Mary H. Choat, Mabel H. Colby, S. Edith Durgin, Mary A. Durgin, Charlie Ferrin, 2 terms each, Jessie P. Raymond, Nettie M. Sargent, Lucy M. Raymond, Willie Dumar, Henry H. Roberts, Byron W. Foster, Edward Beattie, Willie W. Flint, Annie Flanders, Annie McClintic, Joseph Donllitte, Lewis Donllitte, Phebe Reyno, Henry N. Colby, Frank N. Sargent.

DISTRICT No. 4 (*High Street.*)

Amount of school money, \$110.

Ebenezer Moody, Prudential Committee.

Miss Georgianna Chandler, teacher both terms.

Length of summer term, 10 weeks ; winter term the same ; wages of teacher per month, including board, \$20 ; number of different scholars, 8 ; average attendance, 6- $\frac{1}{2}$; number of visits by parents and citizens, 18.

ROLL OF HONOR. Jennie Marden.

DISTRICT No. 5 (*North Boscawen.*)

Erwin G. Cate, prudential committee.

Amount of school money, \$140.

Miss Isabel Seavey, teacher during the year ; wages of teacher per month including board, \$22 ; summer term, 7 weeks in length ; fall and winter term 16 weeks ; number of scholars, 22 ; average attendance, 17- $\frac{1}{2}$; number of visits by parents and citizens, 32.

ROLL OF HONOR. Nellie J. Sweatland, Horace Sweatland, George H. Sweatland, Lulie E. Towne, Nellie A. Piper, Hattie B. Piper, 2 terms, or the entire year each. Mary L. Eastman, Bertha M. Eastman, Clarence Eastman, Hattie F. Howser, Willie R. Simonds, Susie E. Simonds, Eva M. V. Simonds, Priscilla Rano.

DISTRICT No. 6 (*South Water Street.*)

S. B. Chadwick, prudential committee.

Miss Fannie E. Sawyer, teacher of summer and winter terms.

Amount of school money, \$135.

Wages of teacher per month including board, summer term, \$18 ; winter term, \$20 ; length of summer term, 10 weeks ; winter term now in session, 14 week ; number of visits by parents and citizens, 32.

ROLL OF HONOR. Minnie Atkinson, Alice M. Hardy, Albert S. Hardy, George Fisher, Winefred Fisher, Ava V. Griffin.

DISTRICT No. 7 (*Fisherville.*)

Joseph Chandler, Samuel R. Mann, David Sargent, prudential committee.

Amount of school money, \$1100.

Three terms of 12 weeks each, have been taught in the Grammar and Primary departments, in this district. Mr. Edward Wayne, was the teacher of the first term for six weeks, when becoming satisfied that under existing circumstances, it would not be for the interest of the school to continue longer, he resigned, and the services of Col. Abial Rolfe were secured to complete the term, with very good results.

Mr. W. E. Walker, had charge of the school during the fall and winter terms. Wages of teacher, summer term, \$45, per month including board; fall term, \$50; and the winter term, \$60; number enrolled scholars, 39; largest average attendance, 36; number of visits by parents and citizens, 55; exclusive of those present at the final examination.

ROLL OF HONOR. Julia Sargent, 2 terms; Etha Sargent, Mabel Sargent, Lucy Burpee, Mary Chadwick, Grace Boyce, Mary Ledwidge, Nellie Gilman, Eddie Gilman, Maggie Duffy, Fanny Huntress, Almon Harris.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

Number of scholars, 49; average attendance, 36-|-; wages of teacher per month, including board, summer term, \$33; fall term, \$34; winter term, \$36; number of visits by parents and others, 89.

ROLL OF HONOR. Mary Duffy, Ada Smith, Willie G. Mann, Harlan C. Pearson, Harlow Rolfe, 3 terms each; Katy Gleason, Agnes Chadwick, Mary Sweatt, Walter Williams, Louisa Lord, 2 terms each; Fred Williams, Allie Sweatt, Leon Stone, Edwin Smart, Otis Smart, Louis Riel, Harry Jones, Allie Howe, Lizzie Smart, Maud Danforth, Maggie Spearman, Lizzie Gleason, Emma Duffy.

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The "ROLL OF HONOR" contains the names of those scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy during the term.

"God gives us men; a time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and ready hands." If this be true; and it is; how shall we estimate the demands of the future on the coming men and women, who are to-day the boys and girls in our common and other schools.

Parents, guardians, and friends of education in Boscawen, a duty of no small magnitude is laid on us, as to the future of our children. We are all proud of the record of Boscawen in the past, justly proud of the men and women, who, born and reared here, have gone out into the world, and made for themselves, and for us a name and reputation which can not be valued too highly; proud too of those whose lot in life has been cast here, who have lived respected and honored, and "though dead they speak" to us, and demand that *we* shall not prove recreant to the trust they have left us. That trust more than anything else is, that we see to it, that our children are so trained, and educated, that the fair name and fame of Boscawen, shall be safe in their hands. That they may be qualified for the duties and responsibilities of life, as they shall be called to meet them. How shall this be done? much may be accomplished through the means we have already at our command, namely by bringing our public schools up to that standard to which they should attain. To do this, in the first place, the *home* influence must be in the right direction. Children very soon learn whether or not going to school is *business*, or simply a means of passing away the time. If they know much is expected of them; that they are in school for the purpose of making themselves useful and respected men and women, and that *they* must largely do the work; that the home influence is on the side of good order, respect for the teacher, and promptness and regularity in attendance; then one grand point will have been gained.

Is it true that many of us come far short of our duty here? We can report progress, and hope that it may continue and increase. Then only those persons who have a natural aptitude for the business of teaching, or those who have been proved by their works, should be employed as teachers. Good teachers are *born*, not *made*. The best educated person in the world might fail as a successful teacher, for while we must have thoroughly educated, moral, and if possible godly men and women for teachers,—no school day should

commence without devotional exercises,—still only those will succeed, who have that peculiar tact, that quiet, yet powerful ability to govern and control; that ability to arouse and encourage their scholars; that enthusiasm in, and appreciation of the importance of their work, that will enable them to awaken, interest and carry along with them those under their care. Such teachers are rare, yet they do exist; and that is the kind which should be employed.

But this is not all. If our interest is genuine, we shall manifest it by at least an occasional visit to the school-room, which though of small cost to us, is worth much to the teacher and scholar. No other school can take the place of the district school, and it is safe to say none other is of so much worth, for the majority of our children go to no other school.

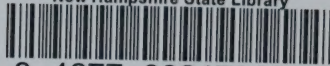
The impressions made on these young minds, the habit of thought and application taught and impressed here, are to be the most lasting of any they may ever receive. There has been a fair degree of progress in the most of the schools during the past year. The teachers have been in earnest, and have given their best efforts for the benefit of their schools, with varying degrees of success; aided or hindered very much by the circumstances with which they were surrounded, one of the most important being the influence *outside* the school-room.

There has been an effort made to induce scholars to be punctual and regular in attendance, and to attain to a certain standard of proficiency in recitation, which has been of benefit to the schools. There should be more work in this way, including a uniform system of works.

Your committee desires to thank the parents, teachers, and scholars for the interest which they have manifested during the past year, and trusts these favorable influences may continue and increase.

J. C. PEARSON, *School Committee.*
Boscawen, March 1, 1880.

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